



# ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Academy of Lifelong Learning  
University of Delaware

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## WELCOME BACK

Delaware in February doesn't exactly bring the idea of spring to mind, but Academy members are good at using our imaginations, so just think warm thoughts and welcome the spring semester.

In January we completed our sound improvements project with the installation of new acoustic tiles in Room 105, which we expect will improve sound quality by dampening the noise level from the heating and AC systems. Also, several classrooms on the second floor are in the process of having ceiling projectors installed—a safety improvement to minimize the use of floor cables.

Council has approved a budget for our next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2006. Our expenses are up, due to inflation and to increased charges from the University for the use and operation of Arsht Hall. Fall and Spring Term membership fees will each go up by \$5, consistent with past increases, but fees for our summer programs will remain the same as last year. We have been able to balance next year's budget by using some income from donated investments. We are exceedingly grateful to everyone, past and present, whose generous contributions to the Academy have made this additional income possible.

The Academy will have "Bring a Friend Week," from Feb. 20 to Feb. 24. I urge all members to bring a friend who would like to know more about the Academy.

Council is excited about the spring semester as we continue with over 200 courses of such a wide variety. It's your chance to learn more about history's poets and villains, develop new skills in Tai Chi or watercolor or the flute, and have a good time with old and new friends. Welcome back.

Pete Wellington  
Academy Council Chair

## MEET LISA MCINNIS



Lisa joins the Academy staff as Senior Secretary after four years with the University's Small Business Development Center, encouraging Delaware small businesses to do contract work with federal, state and local agencies.

A native Delawarean, Lisa and her husband of 20 years have a son in the Navy and a son who is a junior in high school. She is a football enthusiast, serving as a tackle target for her player sons and as president of the Concord HS Football Booster Association. She keeps herself fit by working out at the gym.

Lisa feels at home in Arsht Hall where she has been taking evening courses. Her smile reveals how eager she is to help our 2000 plus members.

Pete Wellington, Council Chair, notes "Our staff is now complete with the addition of Lisa. We miss our old friends but are pleased that the Academy is not missing a beat as the spring semester begins."

### LUNCHEON REMINDER

The holiday luncheon, which was snowed out on Dec. 9, has been rescheduled for Fri., Feb. 10. Start at 11:45 a.m. with hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and entertainment by Henry Gass. The Valentine Luncheon is at 12:45. Finish with dessert and dancing along with music by the Memories music group.

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Schedule for the *Academy Newsletter*

<u>Submittal deadline</u>	<u>Issue date</u>
Mon. Feb. 20	Mon. Mar. 13
Mon. Mar. 20	Mon. Apr. 17

Submit articles to [rehlich@udel.edu](mailto:rehlich@udel.edu), or place in the Newsletter mail slot on the rear wall in the Reception Area.

## BRING A FRIEND WEEK

Don't just tell your friends and co-workers about the Academy. Do even better; invite them to visit during "Bring a Friend Week" which will be held from Monday February 20 through Friday February 24. This will give your friends an opportunity to experience the Academy's stimulating classes, its impressive facilities and its interesting people.

As an incentive for your friends to join the Academy this semester, they can register during "Bring a Friend Week" for any class still available for enrollment. Membership fees for these late registrants will be reduced to reflect the classes missed.

John Bray  
Vice-Chair, Marketing Committee

## QUESTIONS

- How do I contact an instructor?
- Where are the nearest pay phones?
- How do I drop or add a class?
- How do I find help when I've locked my keys in my car?
- Where can I get a parking tag for my NEW car?
- Where do I go for a refund when the coffee machine isn't working?
- Do we have a Lost and Found department?
- How can I replace the official Academy name tag I have lost?
- How can I obtain information to use UD as my Internet provider?
- WHERE CAN I GO TO SIGN UP AS A VOLUNTEER?
- Can I bring a friend to a class at the Academy?
- How can I get an extra catalog for a friend?

Peggy DeCoursey  
Chair, Reception Desk

ANSWERS: See back page of this Newsletter.

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION---ROOM 108

Wed., February 8, 2006. 1:45-2:45 p.m.

Tues., February 14, 2006. 11:50-12:20 p.m.

The Member Relations Committee is offering New Members two alternative meeting times. Please come hear members of the Council and Staff explain the workings of the Academy, its relationship to the University of Delaware, and the many opportunities awaiting you as a member. The best way to feel at home here is to become involved.

If you have any questions look for those committee members with blue ribbons attached to their name tags. They'll be glad to help you.

We look forward to meeting you all!

Mary Ann Dowd  
Chair, Member Relations Committee

## WEATHER CLOSINGS



Listen to the radio at WDEL (1150 AM), WILM (1450 AM), WJBR (1290 AM and 99.5 FM) or WSTW (93.7 FM). Information is also available at [www.udel.edu](http://www.udel.edu).

## MAKING SUMMER PLANS?

Then, don't forget our Summer Lecture Series which will be presented this year from June 19th to June 23rd. We have some very special speakers for you. The title of Jack McGough's lecture will be "Enhance your life after age 60." Dr. Lisbeth Chapin from Gwynedd-Mercy College will talk about Percy Bysshe Shelley and read from some of his works. Drew Fennell, President of the ACLU of Delaware will be here to challenge you. On Friday we will have a musical program with Linda Henderson and Darcy Webb, followed by a scrumptious lunch. So, when you are making your plans be sure to include these thoughtful and thought provoking offerings. You'll be glad you did!

Nancy Peters  
Chair, Summer Lecture Series

## SUMMER COURSES

For the second year, summer courses will be available at the Academy following positive survey responses to the initial courses offered last summer. Again there will be two classes meeting each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, July 5 through July 27. The first Tuesday classes will be held on Wednesday afternoon, July 5, due to July 4 falling on Tuesday. Each class will meet once a week for a 75 to 90 minute session.

Course listings will be handed out at the doors in April. Registration will take place in the lobby or Academy office. For a \$60 fee members may take up to six courses. Several of last summer's favorites will be offered and there will be additional discussion courses as requested on last summer's survey.

Plan ahead for July at the Academy. Watch the bulletin board, "This Week at the Academy" and the March newsletter for reminders and updates.

Jean Kennedy and Chenda Davison  
Co-chairs, Summer Courses

## ALLSTEL

The Academy's education-enrichment experience at Rehoboth Beach is planned for Tues., May 30 through Fri., June 2. Flyers with registration and program information are available at the Reception Desk.

## CPR FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Do you know the warning signs of these life threatening emergencies?

- heart attack
- cardiac arrest
- stroke
- choking

Would you know what to do if you saw the signs of one these medical emergencies?

"CPR for Family and Friends", an extracurricular activity, will teach you.

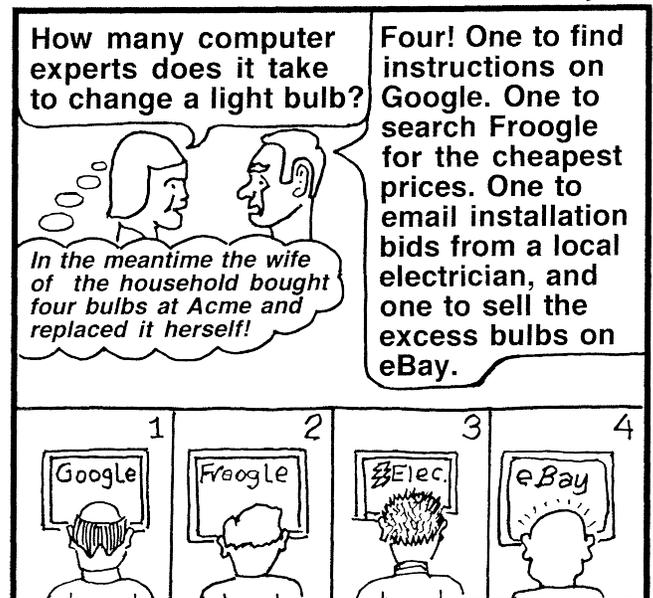
This two-hour course will be given six times this semester at 2 p.m. on alternate Mondays, Feb. 13 and 27, March 13 and Apr.10, and April 24 and May 8. Sign up in the office.

Tom Marshall, Bob Wuertz

## TECHNOLOGY SAVES TIME?

ALL in Fun

by Bolt



## NOMINEES FOR COUNCIL

After considering numerous candidates, balancing qualifications with future needs and interviewing leading contenders, the Nominating Committee has proposed a slate of five nominees to join the Council this Spring to fill the seats of five Council members whose terms are expiring. The slate of nominees proposed is: Jim Cosgrove, Mary Ann Dowd, Bobbette Mason, Bruce Morrissey, and Stuart Siegell.

Additional nominations can be made from the Academy membership-at-large by submitting a form to the Council with the signatures of at least 10 current Academy members who support the nominee. Forms, are available in the Office and must be completed and filed with the Office by February 28. All nominees must agree that, if elected and so requested, they will serve as chair or vice-chair of an Academy committee. Brief background material on all the nominees will be publicized during the first week in March.

If there are no nominees other than the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee, that slate will be presented to the Council for election by affirmation at its March 13 meeting. If additional nominations are made from the membership-at-large, an election will be held during the week of March 13 with ballots obtained and cast in the Lobby at the Academy. Whether affirmed at the March meeting or elected by ballot, five new members will assume their seats at the Council meeting on April 10.

## INTERNET ACCESS

University Internet accounts give free dial-up connections, free anti-virus software and access to University library databases. These accounts are a privilege of Academy membership. New accounts may be opened beginning March 6. Information is available at the Reception Desk.

## WHO WE ARE ACADEMY MEMBERSHIP STATS

The Academy is expecting over 2,000 members for Spring Semester 2006. Since Fall Semester 2000, membership has remained stable with between 2,000 and 2,100 members registered each semester.

For Fall Semester 2005, the average age was 71.5 years of age. The average age of new members was 67.6 and that for continuing members was 72.1. Of our members:

- 8% were 59 years of age or under
- 14% were aged 60 to 64
- 20% were aged 65 to 69
- 19% were aged 70 to 74
- 20% were 75 to 79
- 13% were 80 to 84
- 6% were 85 and over.

The average age of instructors was 72 years. Sixty per cent are female and 40% are male. In the fall there were 226 courses taught by 213 instructors. This includes 52 new courses.

While members may register for up to five courses; the average was 3.9 per member. Out of a total of 8430 class requests, 95% were fulfilled. The largest numbers of "waits" occur in computer labs and in art courses, both of which have a limited number of seats per class,

Ruth Flexman  
Program Coordinator

## ART NEWS



An art show (open to all students) and sale is planned for March 13-23 in Room 105. Jim Miller will continue as coordinator of the Cannon Reading Room exhibits.

Charles Strahan and Mary Tanne will be the new co-chairs of the Art Exhibit Committee. As a matter of interest, did you know there are 22 instructors in the Art Department?

Betty Murchison

## SPECIAL EVENTS WEDNESDAYS

Join us each Wednesday from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. in room 105 for Special Events that will be sure to enrich your day. Feel free to buy your lunch, bring your lunch, or just come and enjoy.

### **February 15 - Al Santoro's Hi-Liters**

Swing band

### **February 22 - David Hughes, Delaware Photographic Society**

Winning slides and other entries from the Wilmington International Exhibition of Photography .

### **March 1 - Debbie Engel, Executive Director, Delaware Symphony Orchestra**

### **March 8 - Scott Mason – Comedian**

### **March 15 - Ralph Begleiter and David Hoffman, "The World at Large: Headlines and What's Behind the Headlines"**

(see details in the next column)

### **March 22 - Joann Kinsley, Kazakhstan and Human Rights**

### **March 29 - Spring Break – Academy Closed**

### **April 5 - One on One: Interviews with Interesting People**

### **April 12 - Margaret Orner as Mother Jones**

### **April 19 - Dr. Ray Callahan, Religion and War**

### **April 26 - Academy Players**

### **May 3 - Academy Band, Spring Concert**

### **May 10 - Academy Chorus, Spring Concert**

Please save this schedule for future reference. See "This Week at the Academy" and future newsletters for more details.

Thanks go to Irv Engelson, Marilyn Haas, Chuck Hober, Howard Hoffman, Bud Lundgaard, and Dave and Ellie Munson for providing such a dynamic program for us!!

Lyn Newsom  
Chair, Special Events Wednesdays

## MARCH 15 SPECIAL EVENTS PROGRAM

Ralph Begleiter and David Hoffman will discuss "The World at Large: Headlines and What's Behind the Headlines."

Ralph Begleiter, Professor of Communications, U of DE, has considerable experience in traveling the world covering the news for CNN, and now teaches communications in journalism at the University.

David Hoffman, Assistant Managing Editor, Foreign News, Washington Post, has been a reporter and bureau chief in Jerusalem and Moscow

Ralph and David possess some interesting perspectives on electronic and print media news gathering, and, as they have in the past, promise to stimulate our thinking about the news.

Join us for Special Events Wednesdays on March 15 at 12:45 p.m. in room 105 as Ralph and David return to the Academy.

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS STUDY TRIPS

Enrich your life with opera and the orchestra. Sign up to enjoy the world renowned Metropolitan Opera at the Lincoln Center.

Sat., March 18 - *Mazeppa*

Sat., April 1 - *Fidelio*

Sat., April 22 - *The Marriage of Figaro*

The bus leaves Clayton Hall in Newark at 7 a.m. and Arsht Hall (first parking lot on the right) at 7:30 a.m. Balcony seating is \$150 and Orchestra Balance seating is \$220.

Bus Only: Ride the opera bus and spend a carefree day in New York City shopping, museum hopping, and dining for only \$50.

Join us for an evening of the Philadelphia Orchestra at the Kimmel Center. The bus departs from Clayton Hall in Newark at 6 p.m. and from Arsht Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$70 for third tier seating and \$85 for second tier seating.

Thurs., March 16 - Salute to Russia

Tues., April 4 - Brahms Symphony

Tues., May 9 - Schubert and Rachmaninoff

For more information or to register, call Lori Mayhew at 302/831-3063 or visit our Website at: [www.continuingstudies.udel.edu/culture](http://www.continuingstudies.udel.edu/culture)



# Schedule of Events



## SPECIAL EVENTS WEDNESDAYS

This series is presented in room 105 from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. The first event is Feb. 15 with Al Santoro and the Hi-Liters. See page 5 for the full schedule and more details.

## SOCIAL HOURS

The Academy will have three Social Hours this semester with tea, coffee, and delicious homemade cookies. There will be time for conversation with old friends and new ones. Mark your calendar with the time and dates:

- Tues., Feb 14 1:45.p.m.
- Thurs., March 16 1:45 p.m.
- Wed., April 19 1:45 p.m.

If you haven't already signed up to bring a batch of homemade cookies, please do so at the Reception Desk. Thank you!

Barbara Golin  
Social Committee Chair

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON LECTURE SERIES

Your chance to invite a friend to the Academy! Starting Friday afternoons, March 3rd, 1-2:30 p.m, come hear stimulating, public lectures, with time for questions and answers. The first three lectures are:

March 3 – Mark Crispin Miller, Professor of Media Studies at NYU and well-known critic and commentator discusses his book, Fooled Again, which argues that theft was the key element in the 2004 US presidential election.

March 10 – Kenneth Campbell, UD Department of Political Science and International Relations, and one of the original members of the group, “Vietnam Veterans Against the War,” addresses issues facing the military in both Vietnam and Iraq.

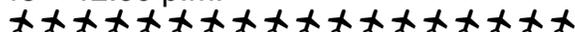
March 17 – Ann Boylan, UD Department of History, will speak on women's history

Check your Spring catalog, and watch future newsletters and “This Week at the Academy” for more information.



- Sat., Mar. 25 – A Day in New York
- Sat., Apr 8 – A Day in Washington
- Thu., Apr 20 – Washington, DC - F.D.R. Memorial & Smithsonian Institution
- Sat., Apr 22 – Gettysburg – Electric map, Battlefield tour, Eisenhower farm
- Mon., Mar 27 to Sun. Apr 2, – Charleston/ Savannah
- Wed., May 3, – New York – Chita Rivera- Lunch
- Tues., June 13 to Thurs., Jun 15, – Auburn, NY / Lake Skaneateles /Tiffany Glass / Seward Homestead

For more information, visit the Travel Desk in the lobby, Monday through Thursday, 11:45 – 12:30 p.m.



### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON PAGE 2

For answers to these questions and more go to the volunteers working at the Reception and Information Desk.

### ACADEMY CALENDAR

#### 2006

- Mon., Feb. 6..... Spring Semester begins
- Mon., Mar. 27 - Fri., Mar. 31.....Spring Break-NO CLASSES
- Fri., May 12..... Spring Semester ends
- Tues., May 30 - Fri., Jun. 2..... ALLSTEL
- Mon., Jun. 19 - Fri., Jun. 23..... Summer Lectures
- Wed., Jul. 5 - Thurs., Jul. 27.....Summer Courses
- Mon., Jul. 31 – Wed., Aug. 9.....Fall registration
- Tues., Sept. 5 .....Fall Semester begins